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BUCHANAN HAS FEW GOOD ROADS

Consequently Pleasure of Automobiling Does Not Exist in That Secluded Section—Politics Plentiful, However.

Mr. M. B. Ratliff, who hails from the little town by the way side, known as Marvin, Va., was here on Tuesday, and called in to enroll his name along with a large contingent of those upon whom, the Bible says, rain falls alike without distinction or partiality. He is connected as a sort of chief with big coal and lumber companies in the "little but loud" county of Buchanan, one of the few counties keeping company with Bland county, in building good roads—"over the left."

Ratliff has two sons, one of them, Dr. John Ratliff, is a physician at Graham. The other one is in business around here but I have forgotten just where. Two daughters are in Kentucky where they are attending school.

Among other things Ratliff said that there is only one automobile in Buchanan county. Cause—no roads. The county has done nothing in the way of road building, and even wagon and buggies have a hard time getting about. He said, further, that a large amount of tax was collected each year, one large company paying as much as \$3,300. Asked what became of all the tax money he said he didn't know. The county like some others round about, publishes no statements of receipts and expenditures, as the law requires. Buchanan is one of the richest counties in the state in coal and timber, yet hasn't a mile of good road. She will wake up some day.

County Politics.

Asked about the political situation, being a good Republican, he predicted the success of the county ticket this year. He said both parties had a full ticket in the field, and there was considerable hair-pulling going on, and would be more before the campaign ends. Mr. Dennis, who has been Clerk a long time, has strong opposition this year, and Ratliff said, is likely to be defeated unless he stirs his stumps, and he is stirring with a long pole.

The Rhea-Walker Campaign—A Reminiscence.

Speaking of Buchanan and politics, reminded me, of the first and only time I ever set foot upon the historic soil of Buchanan, and laid eyes on the town of Grundy. It was during the memorable Rhea-Walker campaign, the like of which has never waged in this district before, nor since. Judge Wm. Rhea, now President of the State Corporation Commission, was a candidate for the seat in the United States Congress held by General James A. Walker. Judge Rhea had an engagement to speak in Grundy. A delegation from Tazewell and surrounding counties attended on the occasion to lend "moral support" to the candidate in his race. Judge J. H. Stuart and myself, and one other Democrat whose name I cannot now recall, were among the representatives from Tazewell. Mont Clark was there from Russell, along with others. Mont used to be a militant Democrat in those fighting, furious days of political life.

The meeting was held in the Court House, which was packed, in fact, out with a crowd of as zealous partisans as ever gathered on the old. I don't remember much about the meeting in detail, but I do remember vividly the trip over and back.

We went over on horseback, securing our mounts from a livery at Richlands, and struck the mountain road at Raven.

In many ways the ride was pleasant and enjoyable. The road was in places, a mere ditch. There was still traces of McAdam, put there years before when the "pike" was built. It was then the only thoroughfare from Kentucky across to Saltville, over which goods were transported in wagons, and earlier the route to Lynchburg. This road was virtually an extension of the old Fincastle pike, leading over the Blue Ridge, and down the Valley of Virginia, in the long ago.

This road is still the only wagon way out of Buchanan south. Wagons still haul good across from Raven. You can reach Grundy by rail, or nearly so, by going away around by Welch or Jaeger or some other place. But it is like going around by Robin Hoods barn, and coming in at the back door.

Across from Tazewell into Buchanan, the "saddle bags lawyers" traveled on horseback years ago, and some do still, who practice in the courts there.

On the way over we had dinner with Mr. Rakes, the usual "feeding place" for travelers, going and coming. Milton Ratliff, I believe, lives there now, and the postoffice is Marvin. But, to get all these facts and names straight and correct Judge Coulling must be consulted. He knows it all like a book. A history of the "old times" in Buchanan, if correctly written, would read like romance.

Claude Pobst and Boyd

Our friend Ratliff spoke in highest praise of H. Claude Pobst and E. R. Boyd, the Tazewell and Grundy lawyers, who have swapped places. Dollars to doughnuts, however, that Pobst and his wife are "home-sick" right now.

President Wm. E. Lewis, Mr. William E. Lewis, President of The Quigley Furniture Company, located in Poor Valley, is on a business visit here. He is from Utica, New York, and has been President of The Quigley Furniture Company for twenty or more years. He is interested in a number of other large enterprises in the south, and incidentally in the newspaper business.

LOST COAT—On Baptist Union Road on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Man's dark gray coat, has address in pocket. Finder please send by parcel post and will send reward of five dollars. J. E. CHARLTON, 171 Union Street, Bluefield, W. Va.

NEWS OF FALLS MILLS.

Mr. I. H. Harry returned home last week from Norfolk and Roanoke, where he had been visiting for the past month.

Mr. Pose Thomas and Miss Rose Baker motored over from Boiesvain Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tabor.

Wheat threshing has been in full swing in this community for the past ten days and the farmers are all enjoying a good yield and a fine quality of wheat.

Quite a number of our younger class have been attending the Majestic Shows which have the streets of Graham occupied this week.

The base ball team crossed bats with the Bluefield Armour Team at the Fair Grounds on Thursday of last week and let them down by the score 10 to 5. They also played an eleven inning game with the fast coal field "Sagamore" nine this week on the Flat Top grounds which they lost by the score of 11 to 9. The boys are now negotiating for games with Mayberry, Bluestone Live Wires and some of the other leading coal field teams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Green gave a very delightful party at their home on Thursday of this week and all present had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Johnson were business visitors to Princeton last Monday.

In Honor of Miss Ward.

Sixteen young ladies gathered at the home of Miss Mayola Gillespie last Friday morning in response to an invitation to "9 o'clock breakfast," and shortly after that hour, the levy of pretty girls were seated around the board enjoying the repast that might be called a dinner, instead of breakfast.

Just after the first course a genuine cupid rushed into the dining room, with bow and arrow shooting into the merry party with Cupid's usual recklessness. A string of bleeding hearts hung over his shoulder, and in his hand he held two hearts and just thought down. There was added to the hunter's string by Miss Gillespie, who discovered on those blood red hearts the names "Elizabeth Ward," and "Ralph Bullard."

The reading of these names brought forth congratulations and best wishes to Miss Ward, who looked and acted well the part of a lovely, happy bride-to-be.

Before going to hunt for new game, Cupid lifted his mask and betrayed the fact that he is generally known as "P. D. Jr." the three year old son of Dr. and Mrs. P. D. Johnston.

This announcement breakfast was voted by all present a great success.

Mrs. C. G. Hurt Dead.

Mrs. Hurt, wife of C. G. Hurt, the well known merchant of Cedar Bluff, died at her home in that town last Sunday morning, of a lingering illness of several months. The funeral and burial services took place at Jones Chapel Monday at 11 a. m., the services being in charge of the Rev. R. A. Owen, pastor of the Methodist church at Cedar Bluff, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Arrowood, pastor of the Tazewell Presbyterian church. The deceased is survived by her husband and four children, Elizabeth, Mayo, Eva Tot and Joseph, all of whom were present at her death. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church. An only sister, Mrs. Repass, died several years ago in Kentucky. Before marriage deceased was a Miss Plummer, of North Carolina.

Two More Pay Their Dues.

John H. Witten, a staid and solemn young farmer of Witten Valley, paid his tuition on Tuesday. He seemed to think that in reducing the costs of living the government would strike at the farmer. Not at all. Nothing of the kind is contemplated, or will be done. Nevertheless, a dollar could be cut off the price of wheat and nobody be hurt.

John A. Brown, who lives and has his being on the farm of Jeff Gillespie, paid his annual dues on Wednesday. He lives next door to Jo Brown. These two Browns have been faithful tenants on the Gillespie farm for years—Jo, about 16, and John about 8 years.

The Variety Store For Sale.

I offer for sale the Five and Ten Cent Store in the Town of Tazewell, Va., located on Main Street, opposite the Court House, in the Masonic Building. This is the only first-class business stand obtainable in the town. The store room is 25 x 100 feet, with basement 25 x 60 feet. The basement has counters and shelves and is connected with the main store room by easy stairway, and is suitable for other lines of merchandise. There is ample space for groceries, dry goods, hardware or other lines.

ROBERT W. HARMAN.

Hot Weather At Logan.

Our friend McGuire, Proprietor of the Shamrock store at Logan, W. Va., says:

Editor Clinch Valley News,

Dear Sir:—Herewith I hand you check for \$3.00 to carry my subscription as far as the amount will take it. I do not know how my dues stand, but you can attend to that. If you don't find the weather hot enough there just run down to Logan and we can accommodate you to a Florida climate.

Best wishes

Yours very truly,

J. C. MCGUIRE.

LOW PRICE ON CASINGS TO CLOSE OUT.

Mansfield Casings Non Skid 31 x 4 at \$24.90
Mansfield Casings Non Skid 31x 4 at \$23.60
Mansfield Casings Non Skid 30 x 3 1/2 at \$16.60
Mansfield Casings Non Skid 30 x 3 at \$11.90
Hartford Casings Non Skid 31 x 4 at \$24.90
Satisfactory adjustments have been made on the above casings.
TAZEWELL SUPPLY CO.

FOR SALE—One International kerosene engine, 12 h. p., in A1 condition. C. N. Barnes, Pounding Mill, Va. 8-1-2t

FOR SALE—About 175 acres fine bluegrass, a grazing proposition, a good house, a lot of fine timber, land all watered, near railroad station, about 6 miles west of Tazewell. Price \$40.00 per acre. For particulars inquire at this office.

K. OF P. HAVE MANY VISITORS

Pocahontas Lodge Sends Large Delegation to Banquet at North Tazewell—Work of Expert Degree Team.

The castle hall of North Tazewell Lodge, No. 131, K. of P., was the scene last Tuesday evening of one of the most delightful and enjoyable occasions. The occasion was a visit of the expert team from the Pocahontas Lodge, which conferred the third degree on four young men. There were also a number of visitors from Bluefield Pythian Lodge, who dispute the claim of Pocahontas to the best working team in the Southwest, claiming that their team also know a few things about the degree work.

The affair was in charge of Captain Jack W. Witten, Grand Chancellor of the Pythian Lodge of Virginia, and it is not necessary to go further into the details of the banquet and good cheer that prevailed throughout the evening. Fried chicken, pickles, bread, cake, ice cream, Was-cott ginger ale, and other accessories were plentiful, and the best of the country affords. The cakes were contributed by the wives of the members, and were most delicious.

The Pocahontas team were on their good behavior, and conferred the degrees on the waiting candidates in a most impressive and spectacular manner. Captain J. R. Young, of Pocahontas, was in charge of the outfit, and carried through the work with ease and dignity. The team is composed of the following members of the Pocahontas Lodge: Captain, J. R. Young; Monitor, W. R. Peery; Pathagoras, J. R. Peery; King, F. E. Wagner; Senators, R. N. Bowen, W. R. Peery, W. R. Shumate, L. Lubliner, M. Magrill, J. R. Young, Ed. Owens, Dr. M. L. Counts, J. H. Rye; Master at Arms, A. H. H. Herald, Saul Miller; Attendants, J. B. Whitehead, C. C. Bowen; Hedge-man, J. W. Higginbotham. Other members of Pocahontas Lodge present were: L. Magrill, L. Raffel, A. V. Sproles, W. A. Pybass, A. J. Thompson, Conley Peirce, Mark Refel, Sidney Crouch, J. E. Keesling, E. J. Martin, John Harris, Charles Butts, Harry Morrissey. The visitors from Bluefield were headed by the torch-bearer T. H. Scott, chancellor of the Bluefield Lodge.

At the conclusion of the initiatory work a lively discussion ensued over the rivalry existing between the working teams of Bluefield and Pocahontas. Challenge after challenge were issued, and wit and humor bubbled forth as from a mountain spring where the Was-cott alms come from. In the midst of the excitement Dr. Witten rushed on the scene and exclaimed that the chicken, ice cream and cake had become impatient, and to cut out the wind-jamming for a season until the inner man could be provided for, which was done, as is everything that the doctor wants. A number of the hustlers passed around the feed, and all partook of large portions. After the refreshments had been partaken and the ale drunk, trouble broke out again between Bluefield and Pocahontas over the superiority of their teams. Captain Scott, in a most solemn and serious manner, shed his gloves and gave vent to the feelings that had smoldered in his breast, which emotions had not been in the least tempered with mercy by the passage of chicken, ice cream and cake into his bread basket. He kept the large crowd in an uproar for half an hour, and finally concluded by giving a wide open challenge to Bluefield to meet his team anywhere in the United States to give an exhibition of competitive work.

Dick Bell, of Staunton, Fisher, manager in Virginia of the Fisher Insurance Department; and Dr. W. E. Ritter, of Whitewood, also spoke on various and sundry subjects. Bell is secretary of the grand lodge of Virginia, and stated that the past fiscal year of Pythianism had been the greatest in the history of the organization.

There were about an undred members in the meeting at North Tazewell, and every one of them felt good that he was there.

News Of Pocahontas.

One of the most important real estate transactions for some time is the purchase, by the hustling and enterprising merchant, Louis Magrill, of the large and handsome strict building on Center street from J. H. McNeer and J. A. Stupalsky. This is a building or part of same that was erected by the late Joseph Hyman in the nineties, and purchased from them by H. Millner. When H. Millner left Pocahontas the property was purchased by Messrs Mcneer and Stupalsky. They spent considerable money on the building, in the way of improvements. Mr. Magrill will continue to do business in Pocahontas in this building, which he has occupied for several years as a business house and dwelling.

Mrs. W. W. Foster Dead.

Mrs. W. W. Foster died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Peddicord, at Moundsville, West Va., last Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis, and her remains brought to Pocahontas for interment, as she had made this her home for the greater part of her life, and her husband, the late W. W. Foster, is buried here, having preceded her by about seven months. Her funeral was held at the M. E. Church here on Tuesday morning, August 5th, being conducted by Rev. W. R. Rickman, pastor of the Baptist Church, in the absence of her pastor, the Rev. J. A. Early, of the M. E. church. Mrs. Foster was originally from Giles county, and a daughter of the late John Farley, of near Pearisburg. She married W. W. Foster, and they lived at Pocahontas for about thirty years. Mr. Foster being a railroad man. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive: Mrs. J. C. Peddicord, of Moundsville West Va.; Mrs. Louis McKinney, of near Pearisburg, Pa.; and Miss Mildred Foster, who is with her sister, at Moundsville. Her oldest daughter married

Mr. Crockett Lambert, now a prominent farmer and successful business man of Russell county. Mrs. Lambert died several years ago. Several of her relatives and their families, also Mr. Foster's relatives came to attend the funeral. Mrs. Foster was a woman who was held in high esteem by all who knew her, and her departure is regretted by a host of friends.

Baptist Association to Meet at Honaker August 13, 14 and 15.

The New Lebanon Baptist Association, in its forty fifth session will meet with the Lewis Creek Baptist Church, Honaker, Va., August 13, 14, and 15th.

Preliminary reports show great growth in membership, baptisms, amounts raised for missions, benevolence and home purpose since the last annual meeting.

The opening guns of the great \$750,000, drive of the Southern Baptist Convention will be heard when distinguished speakers address the association. The entire program centers around this campaign.

The program promises to be one of the best in years, and will be full of interest throughout the meeting and a good attendance is expected for the entire session.

W. C. GRIGSBY, Lebanon, Virginia.

STRIKE SITUATION GROWING SERIOUS

Railroads May Have to Suspend Operations if Men Quit Work As They Threaten to Do.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 5.—The Chesapeake and Ohio shops here were completely closed down tonight following a meeting at which the men voted to go on a strike and remain out until their demand for increased wages is met. Three thousand men are affected. Two thousand of the workers have been idle for several days, but the vote tonight took out every worker in the shops.

Though the meeting was held behind closed doors, it was said by members of the crafts that the argument preceding the ballot was of a tumultuous character. In shops the closing down of the shops the local federation of railway clerks threatens to join the other unionists in a sympathy strike. Foremen have been keeping engines in the round house fired for the last three days, but if the walkout is continued it is completely shut down within the next few days.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Further spread of the railway shopmen's strike was reported tonight by union officials who declared some 15,000 additional workers in the middle west went out today and that a strike of 10,000 men on the Norfolk and Western line had been set for tomorrow. While these were the chief developments in the fifth day of the strike, it was also announced that the bars had been let down for the boilermakers to join the strike.

L. W. Wawver, president of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shopmen's Union, which called out the shopmen, received a telegram from E. C. Chase, the boiler-makers' representative on the national agreement committee of seventy-eight, saying that conditions "do not warrant holding men any longer." Hawver said Chase had opposed the strike until a referendum of the workers had been taken. The agreement committee has been negotiating with the railroad administration in Washington.

The shopmen's strike has been declared illegal by railroad executives who have made the charge before the local bureau of the department of justice.

Shopmen Vote to Walk Out.

Richmond, Aug. 4.—Late reports last night indicated that the strike of railroad shopmen and carmen had spread to every road entering Richmond. A general walkout over the entire Atlantic Coast Line system and strikes in the local shops of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Seaboard Air Line and Southern railway were reported.

At a meeting held at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Lender Hall, Tenth and Hull streets, the Southern Railway Federation of Labor voted almost unanimously to pull the shop out at 8:30 this morning. The railroad officials were notified. The following seven crafts are represented: principally, blacksmiths, sheet-metal workers, molders, carmen, pattern-makers and the helpers and apprentice boys of each craft. Six hundred men will report for work at the Southern shops this morning and leave promptly at 8:30.

Big Auto Party to State Farmers Institute.

The State Farmers Institute will be held August 13 to 15 at Blacksburg. This will be a very interesting and helpful meeting to the farmers both from an educational view point and as regards farmers organizations. Every farmer in the county should go if possible. An auto party is being planned to leave Tazewell for Blacksburg on August 12th. Get your car in shape and join the crowd, or else go with a neighbor. This institute will be of interest to the ladies as they will also have meetings and demonstrations. I should like all persons to let me know at once so the party can start together from Tazewell. College barracks and dining room will be open to use of visitors. Mountain Lake is near the road to Blacksburg and can be visited on the trip. Join the party, enjoy the benefits of this great institute and have a good time.

R. R. WALL, County Agent.

Baptist Church Notice.

Rev. Isaac T. Marks, of Divide, W. Va., will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Marks is an Evangelist, and said to be a fine preacher. The public is cordially invited to hear him. Sunday School at 10 a. m. sharp. Attend the Sunday School service also.

K. C. PATTY IS NEW CHAIRMAN

Named by Committee Saturday to Head Democratic Party in Tazewell—A. C. Buchanan Nominated for Secretary.

The Democratic County Committee met in the Court House here last Saturday, and elected Attorney K. C. Patty of Graham, County Chairman, and Attorney A. C. Buchanan, of Tazewell, Secretary of the Committee. The meeting was attended by a large number of the committee.

The question of the endorsement of democratic candidates for office was taken up and discussed, and the conclusion reached that no endorsements would be made, that the field would be left open to all who wanted to test their popularity and fitness for the office. A number of candidates and would-be candidates were present in town Saturday, watching for any crumbs of encouragement that might fall their way.

The new county chairman is active energetic young man, and proposes to wage a campaign in the county that will be remembered. He recently returned from service overseas, where he served honorably with the University of Virginia hospital unit, and has taken up the practice of law at Graham, where he has surrounded himself already with a large clientele.

An unusually large number of county citizens were here Saturday, and many prospective candidates were unhanding the voters. One rumor is that George Harrison, of Abbs Valley, will be a candidate for Sheriff. He lives in Abbs Valley, and is one of the most popular men in the county.

The Clerk's race is the topic of absorbing interest in the county race. Dr. C. W. Greever, H. S. Surface canvass, and the friends of each are making claims to their strength.

Government To Take Drastic Steps To Scotch The Profiteer.

Washington, August 4.—Compelled by the acuteness of a situation which is admittedly one of the most serious in the history of the nation the administration tomorrow will take definite steps designated to end the high cost of living. It is realized there can be no delay in formulating a program.

Three main plans of action are under consideration. They are: 1.—Institution of a drastic policy toward all profiteers.

2.—Governmental acquisition of the entire wheat crop, paying the farmer the basic price of \$2.26 a bushel, and selling to the American public at a much lower price, the difference to be covered for out of the \$1,000,000,000 fund appropriated last session by congress.

3.—Adoption or recommendation of measures which will attempt to put the country's currency on a basis approximating the level of 1914 or 1915.

Germany Solves The High Cost of Living.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—Germany has cut the high cost of living in half. The reduction applies to all rationed food, fat. The government is spending one billion marks (250,000,000) in an attempt to bring food prices down to a permanent lower level. At the same time the meat and fat ration is being increased. American imports being assured. The cutting in half of the high cost of living is the direct result of

the railroad strike. The railroad men asked for higher wages and accepted cheaper food as a compromise. The reducing means a weekly saving of about 27 marks (\$8.75) to every worker in Germany, according to an announcement of Railroad Minister Oesser, made in the Prussian diet.

The Good Roads Boosters. A large number of Good Roads Boosters, starting from Bristol in the Southwest, and from other points in the State, to converge in Richmond on 12th, is an important event. Meetings with short addresses will be held at all the different towns. Tazewell Boosters are requested to meet the party at Christiansburg next Monday.

A great auto procession of boosters is asked for. See Mr. Martin and arrange to join the party, to secure more money for roads in Virginia.

HIDE AND SEEK.

A child, I played the old, old game, Forever new, and yet the same, And laughing fled from one who sought, Until his hands my own hands caught.

Ah, that was years and years ago; Yet still the thrilling game I know, For here, in this grim city street, A Playmate tags my jaded feet.

I heard his mocking laughter high, As that swift motor thundered by, And felt his breathing stir my hair, Just as I gained the crossing there;

By bare two inches did I 'scape, Unharmed, untouched, his stealthy Shape. And yet, unlike the old, old game, Forever new, yet still the same,

I never turn the tables round, And hunt my eager Playmate down,

He must pursue, as I must flee— For it is Death who plays with me! —FLORENCE VAN CLEVE.

FUND IS \$113,745,000.

Methodists of New York issued their final Centenary bulletin announcing subscriptions to Centenary funds of all kinds amounting to \$113,745,000, the largest sum ever obtained by any religious body in the world for any cause it is said. This does not include the sum obtained by Methodists of the South, who have an additional \$54,000,000, and the sum announced by Methodists in the North. It is expected according to the bulletin, that an additional \$12,000,000 will be raised in the early Fall. The amount originally set as the goal was \$80,000,000.

New York Methodists exceeded the amount set for them to raise by \$200,000, making \$7,213,000. Chicago Methodists raised the large sum of \$12,350,000, and Cincinnati members of the denomination raised \$15,758,000.

The bulletin states that 454,000 persons are definitely pledged to pray for the success of Christ's cause throughout the world, that 193,210 have pledged to give to church and to charity a tenth of their incomes annually, and that 25,000 persons have volunteered to give their lives to Christian service wherever they may be sent. A big drive is planned by Methodists to obtain 1,000,000 new members.

LOST—July 28, between Burke's Garden Siding and Pat Crockett's gate on Bluefield road, a leather case, yellow, six inches long, with spilling manometer (blood pressure) with my name on case. Please return and receive reward. Dr. P. D. Johnston, Tazewell, Va.

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